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June 9, 2000

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New Jersey Dept. of Transportation  
Robert C. Bounsensberry, Project Manager  
1035 Parkway Avenue  
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Trenton, NJ 08625

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This Application Number

Re: Application #99-0439.01  
Intersection of Route 206  
and Indian Mills Road  
and Intersection of Route 206  
and Stokes Road  
Shamong Township

Dear Mr. Bounsensberry:

Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution adopted by the Pinelands Commission at its meeting on June 8, 2000. The Commission approved the proposed road improvements subject to the conditions recommended by the Executive Director. The project must be developed in accordance with these conditions.

You may appeal the decision of the Pinelands Commission to the Appellate Division of Superior Court. Such an appeal must be filed within 45 days.

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DIV. OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

  
William F. Harrison, Esq.  
Acting Executive Director

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cc: Secretary, Shamong Township Planning Board  
Shamong Township Environmental Commission  
Burlington County Planning Board  
Patricia B. Sutton

Enclosure: Resolution, ROA for Public Development



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**REPORT ON AN APPLICATION FOR  
PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT**

May 18, 2000

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Indian Mills Road and Intersection  
of Route 206 and Stokes Road  
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**FINDINGS OF FACT**

This application is for the reconstruction of U.S. Route 206 from 760 feet south of the intersection with Stokes Road and extending 1,500 feet to north of the intersection Rt. 206 and Stokes Road. Improvements are also proposed on Rt. 206 approximately 1200 feet south of the intersection of Rt. 206 and Indian Mills Road/Willow Grove Road to 1,500 feet north of the intersection. Improvements at the intersection of Route 206 and Indian Mills Road/ Willow Grove Road and U.S. Route 206 and Stokes Road are also proposed. The project is located partially in the Pinelands Preservation Area District, partially in the Pinelands Agricultural Production Area and partially in the Pinelands Village of Indian Mills.

Rt. 206 is currently a two lane highway in the area of the intersection with Stokes Road and a four lane highway in the area of the intersection with Willow Grove Road/Indian Mills Road.

The applicant has stated that the proposed improvements are a necessary safety improvement at the intersections. Since the intersections of Rt. 206 and Stokes Road and Rt. 206 and Willow Grove Road and Indian Mills Road are unsignalized and severely skewed at an acute angle to Rt. 206 and they do not provide for safe left turns.

Minor road widening to variable widths between the two intersections along Route 206 will also occur. The installation of guardrails for a portion of the route will also occur. Improvements

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to Rt. 206 also include milling, restriping and slight widening of the roadway. Approximately 1.5 acres of land outside of the existing pavement limits will be paved.

At the intersection of Route 206 and Stokes Road there is one southbound lane and one northbound lane on Rt. 206, with 8 to 10 foot shoulders. Congestion is caused by those vehicles waiting to turn left onto Stokes Road. The proposed improvements at this intersection will reduce the shoulder width and provide one left lane and one shared lane (through/right turn) in each direction. East Stokes Road will also be realigned at its intersection with Rt. 206 to reduce the angle of the intersection.

At the intersection of Route 206 and Indian Mills Road/Willow Grove Road there are two southbound and two northbound lanes each with 1 to 2 foot shoulders. Vehicles which are turning left onto Indian Mills Road cause congestion and force through traffic to change lanes making an unsafe condition. The proposed improvements at this intersection include widening the pavement to provide for a left turn lane, a through lane and a shared lane (through/right) in each direction. The existing shoulder width will be maintained. Indian Mills Road/Willow Grove Road will be slightly realigned to reduce the angle of the intersection with Route 206.

The project area has been inspected by a member of the Commission's staff. In addition, the appropriate resource capability maps and data available to the staff have been reviewed.

The roadway and intersection improvements will occur over existing paved and grass areas. There are wetlands within 300 feet of the project area. The project will result in the disturbance of 597 square feet of wetlands.

The applicant has demonstrated that there is no feasible alternative to the proposed development in wetlands and wetland buffers that will result in a less significant impact on the wetlands. The applicant is modifying an existing roadway and two intersections with that roadway. The proposed development will not result in a substantial impairment of the resources of the Pinelands. With the conditions below, all practical measures are being taken to mitigate the impact on wetlands. The applicant has demonstrated that the need for the roadway improvements overrides the importance of protecting the wetlands. The proposed development is necessary to provide safer roadway conditions.

The stormwater management system is designed so there will be no increase in the rate of runoff generated by the proposed development from a 2 year, 10 year and 100 year storm, each of a 24 hour duration, following the proposed development than occurred prior to the proposed development. The stormwater drainage system is also designed to retain and infiltrate the volume of stormwater runoff from the net increase in impervious surfaces generated by a 10 year, 24 hour duration storm. That applicant will be constructing an underground infiltration bed at the Stokes Road intersection and an underground infiltration bed and an underground roadside recharge trench at the Indian Mills Road/Willow Grove Road intersection.

A cultural resource survey was prepared for the project. It was determined that there were no prehistoric or historic resources eligible for Pinelands designation within the project area.

The applicant has provided the requisite notice. The Pinelands Commission has received one comment concerning the application. The commentator states that she is in favor of the improvements if they will increase the safety at the two intersections but that enforcement of the speed limit or lowering of the speed limit would increase the safety in the area more than the proposed roadway changes.

Considering the submitted information and the public comment, with the conditions recommended below, the proposed development will be consistent with all the management standards contained in Subchapter 6 of the Plan if the conditions recommended below are imposed.

### CONCLUSION

The proposed roadway improvements are permitted uses in an Agricultural Production Area (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.2(a)) and the Preservation Area District (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.2(a)) and a Pinelands Village (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.27(a)). If the following conditions are imposed, the proposed development will be consistent with the management standards contained in Subchapter 6 of the Comprehensive Management Plan.

As the proposed development conforms to the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:50-4.57, it is recommended that the Pinelands Commission approve the proposed development with the following conditions:

1. Except as modified by the below conditions, the proposed development shall adhere to the plans, consisting of 91 sheets, prepared by State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation and dated April 24, 2000.
2. Disposal of any construction debris or excess fill in the Pinelands Area may only occur at a licensed facility authorized by the Pinelands Commission.
3. Appropriate measures shall be taken during construction to preclude sedimentation from entering wetlands.
4. Landscaping shall adhere to the requirements of the Comprehensive Management Plan.
5. Prior to the start of any disturbance in any wetlands area, the applicant shall obtain authorization pursuant to the provisions of the Freshwater Wetlands Act Rules.

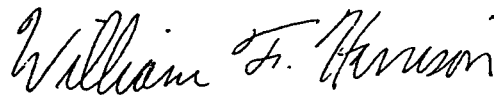
### APPEAL

Any interested person may appeal the Executive Director's determination on this application to the Commission. The appeal must be made within 18 days of the date of this letter by giving notice, by Certified mail, of the appeal to the Pinelands Commission. Said notice shall include:

1. the name and address of the person requesting the appeal;
2. the application number;
3. a brief statement of the basis for the appeal; and
4. a certificate of service, (a notarized statement), indicating that service of the notice has been made by Certified mail, on:
  - a. the applicant (unless the applicant is requesting the appeal);
  - b. Secretary, Shamong Township Planning Board;
  - c. Shamong Township Environmental Commission;
  - f. Burlington County Planning Board.

Any appeal will be referred to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. If no appeal is received within 18 days of this letter, the Pinelands Commission will act on this application at its meeting on June 8, 2000. At this meeting, the Commission may either approve the determination of the Executive Director or refer the application to the Office of Administrative Law for a Hearing.

Sincerely,



William F. Harrison, Esq.  
Assistant Director

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cc: Secretary, Shamong Township Planning Board  
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Burlington County Planning Board  
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